

Mayor Schaumburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg
Absent - Insel

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Schaumburg read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Harrison had a correction to the minutes in the Reports to Council. Mr. Harrison corrected the breakdown of the Clinton Fire Department raffle pay out to read, 35% first prize; 10% second prize; 5% third prize. A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2007 as amended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 17, 2007

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held July 17, 2007.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Mayor Schaumburg attended a meeting at the Office of Smart Growth in Trenton, to continue discussions regarding Cross Acceptance. Lebanon Borough, Clinton Town and Township and Readington Township attended. The Smart Growth Committee reviewed maps of the Planning Area 2 and it is likely it will be changed to a Planning Area 3 Designation. PA3 means a lot less dense development and currently we do not have the infrastructure to support what we have now, considering the highways and traffic. Information will be forthcoming to the Mayor and she will discuss it with the Planning Board.
2. Mayor Schaumburg also attended the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Route 78 Corridor Study hosted by the Hunterdon County Planning Board. Several representatives from NJDOT attended, as well as Barry Ableman, Regional Area Planner from the Office of Smart Growth. The group also discussed Exit 15 and Frontage Road leading and exiting the Edna Mahon Facility and the New Jersey State Developmental Center. Union and Franklin

Townships also sent many representatives and opened renewed dialogue. The Park & Ride originally planned for Clinton Township is out of the plan, and western locations are being explored, such as Pennsylvania, Phillipsburg, Bloomsbury, and Hampton located on Route 31 North. It was a very good meeting and very encouraging to hear the proposed plans.

3. Landsdown Trail discussion continued, Mayor Schaumburg met with Freeholder Director George Muller. Freeholder Muller spoke with John Trontis, Director of Hunterdon County Parks, who shares the Town's concerns. Mr. Trontis has been working on it since January with the Freeholders, but it has not been resolved yet
4. Commendations to Officers Kramer and McGuire for documenting overcrowding situations and notifying Chief Matheis and Council. Housing Officer, John Barczyk, is investigating the reports.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #07-12 – SCHOOL STREET/FOX HILL ROAD

Mr. Cutter explained that the estimated cost of the project will be \$90,000.00, however, the Town was fortunate to receive a Department of Transportation Grant in the sum of \$80,000.00, therefore the sum of \$10,000.00 will be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund Reserve for the project. The grant helped immensely.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Ordinance #07-12 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-12

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$90,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND RESERVES AND DOT GRANT

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

Notice of this Ordinance will be published in the August 1, 2007 edition of the Hunterdon Review. A Public Hearing will be held August 28, 2007.

(A copy of this Ordinance is attached)

RESOLUTION #93-07 – AWARD OF SCHOOL STREET / FOX HILL ROAD PROJECT

Mr. Cutter explained that notices have been sent to residents outlining the schedule of the project, work will begin after the Summer Recreation Program at the Clinton Public School. Bids were received on July 6, 2007 and a recommendation was submitted by Robert J. Clerico, P.E. to award the bid to DeSantis Construction, Inc. of Somerset, New Jersey in the amount of \$116,756.10. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to award the bid as recommended by the Town Engineer.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #07-13 – CLINTON KNOLLS PROJECT

Mr. Cutter explained that the Town of Clinton received a grant from the 2007 Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Clinton Knolls Area Improvement, Phase I, a project that will resurface Spruce Run Road, Quarry Ridge Road and Hillside Drive. The Town will apply for a second grant for the Knolls Phase II project.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Ordinance #07-13 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-13

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY
AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF
\$150,000.00 FROM A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review in the August 1, 2007 edition.
A public hearing will be held August 28, 2007.

(A copy of this ordinance is attached to these minutes)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #07-14 – BOND ORDINANCE

Once again, Mr. Cutter explained the purpose of this ordinance and for which projects appropriations will be made, various improvements to the Water Utility, including the Clinton Knolls Main Replacement Project, the 12" Loop Main Project located in the Clinton Township portion of the water system, including all work and material necessary and Arsenic Treatment to the Lilac Treatment Plant, Well #7 and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Well #6.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Ordinance #07-14 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-14

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER
UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW
JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$1,769,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review in the August 1, 2007 edition.
A public hearing will be held August 28, 2007.

(A copy of this ordinance is attached to these minutes)

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE #07-11 – MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene seconded by Mr. Ragozine to open the public hearing on Ordinance #07-11:

ORDINANCE #07-11

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE TOWN OF CLINTON'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Ragozine.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adopt Ordinance #07-11 on second reading as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #94-07 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund the overpayment of taxes on Block 19, Lot 9 as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes)

BANNER REQUEST – TOWN PICNIC

Council is in receipt of a Banner request from the Parks and Playgrounds Commission to hang a banner announcing the Town Picnic. The date of the picnic is September 8th, rain date the 9th, and the banner is requested to be hung August 25 to September 9, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Pender, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you from Clinton Public School for the annual "Good Kid Award". This year's recipient, Casey Maher, a truly all-around good citizen at Clinton Public and an outstanding student.
2. A letter of thanks received from a Vineland woman who was grateful for the "very courteous and helpful attitude and the prompt and efficient sending of her marriage certificate". Sara Peterson, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Registrar, deserves the credit for helping this person and as well as many, many others.

3. A letter from Al Rylak, once again, thanking the Public Works Department for their prompt response to a resident's call. Low hanging branches over a sidewalk were quickly removed.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilman Harrison

1. Personnel – Evaluations were discussed and are in the process of being completed by Department heads.
2. SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Council) has completed amending the Hunterdon County Solid Waste Plan. Once the County adopts the plan it will go to the Freeholders and then To DEP for approval. Following approval from the State, the municipalities will appoint a Solid Waste person to keep an eye on the plan. Their aim is to minimize the amount of solid waste and maximize the amount of solid waste to be recycled. The Town of Clinton is leading the way in the County, thanks to Mr. Cutter, Mayor Schaumburg, and Patty & Tony Hatalla and Nancy Burgess for their work with the program. Mr. Cutter reported that one month's tipping fees has been saved over the six months, amounting to approximately \$10,000.00.
3. Clinton Fire Department 50/50 raffle, \$20.00 each \$100.00 for a book.

Councilman Shea

1. The Clinton Guild has a new treasurer, Liz Scannel from PNC Bank.
2. Environmental Commission endorsing Resolution #86-07 for the New Jersey Audubon Society. Members are working on nomination forms to enlist the Town of Clinton for a special Birding and Nature designation.
3. The Fire Department made an offer to merchants interested in parking in the lot for \$50 per car per month. The Guild made a counter offer of \$30.00. It was decided that a meeting between the merchants and the Fire Department take place to discuss this. Mr. Cushing will write a letter to Attorney Rylak to set up a meeting for the principles to meet.

Councilman De Cleene

1. Emergency Services Foundation is planning a Fund Drive. The Boot Drive will be held in front of the A&P on Old 22 and the Car Wash will be held at the Fire Department. The Fund Drive is scheduled for August 18, 2007.

Councilman Ragozine

1. Parks and Playgrounds – improvements to Gebhardt Field continue, the first drawing has been completed by Erik Trepkau, Architect and Town resident, who completed the work pro bono. The preliminary sketch will be forwarded to the Parks and Playgrounds Commission for review in an attempt to start the process. Minor modifications and sprucing up the field is the goal.
2. Councilman Shea asked Councilman Ragozine the status of the new Sign Ordinance. Mr. Ragozine said it is now in the hands of the Planner, Beth McManus, to amend.

Councilman Pender

1. Mr. Pender reported that he also reached out to Freeholders Holt and Sworen regarding the Landsdown Trail and was advised they share the concerns of Mr. DiRienz and the Town.

Mayor Schaumburg said that Parks Director, John Trontis, wrote legislation in January and forwarded it to Assemblywoman Karrow in June. The legislation is so the State law can mandate buffers for trails, as it only now buffers structures and playgrounds.

Mr. Trontis and Mayor Schaumburg are also reaching out to Kevin Richardson to look into Open Space funds for possible compensation to the property owner. He is a farmer leasing the Land to a Gun Club.

2. Next Newsletter deadline, August 10, 2007.

Kathy Olsen, Chief Financial Officer

1. The County certified the tax rate and tax bills will be mailed July 25, 2007. The local tax remains flat. The tax rate is .1c per 100. Mr. De Cleene called for a round of applause!

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. A Clinton Knolls pre-construction meeting will take place this week, Mr. Cutter will notify Mr. Harrison and Mr. De Cleene and asked them to contact the Squads and have them attend.
2. Mr. Cutter and Mayor Schaumburg will be attending the HART Award Breakfast on Thursday, July 28, 2007, to receive a \$8,500.00 grant for the Bike and Streetscape Study.
3. Mr. Cutter recommended the appointment of David Burdge to fill the Water Foreman position vacated by Roger Plaisted who was promoted to Water Superintendent. Mr. Burdge's appointment will take place today at an annual salary of \$50,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Shea, to appoint David Burdge as recommended.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

4. Water Superintendent, Roger Plaisted, has looked into hydrant locks to prevent people from stealing water. The Water Committee approved the purchase of 100 locks, and the placement of stickers stating maximum penalty of tampering charges. Keys will be given to the Fire Department but in an emergency, the Fire Department would be able to gain access.

APPROVAL OF STAND BY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Mr. Ragozine, seconded by Mr. Shea, to approve the standby and overtime pay as submitted for June 29 through July 12, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Harrison, Pender, Ragozine, Shea, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 95-07 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations and Potential Litigation at 8:15 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pender, to return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shea seconded by Mr. Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor